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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PINT, EG

SUBJECT: MAHALLA RIOTS

REF: CAIRO 2958 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL REPORTED RIOTS AT LARGE TEXTILE PLANT IN NILE DELTA TOWN OF AL-MAHALLA AL-KUBRA. ALTHOUGH LOCAL PRESS CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT MARCH 27 THAT WORK HAD RESUMED AT FACTORY COMPLEX AFTER WEEK LONG HIAUS, WE UNDERSTAND NOW THAT WORK HAS INDEED NOT RESUMED. NATURE OF DELAY IS UNKNOWN; SOURCES AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT INFORMATION BLACKOUT IS GOOD INDICATION SITUATION IS STILL QUITE SERIOUS.

2. ADDITIONAL GAUGE OF SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH GOE VIEWED MAHALLA RIOTS IS FACT THAT ASST TO MININT AND COMMANDER OF CRACK CENTRAL SECURITY FORCE FOR PUBLIC SECURITY, GENERAL MUSTAFA EL-SHEIKH, WAS DESPATCHED AT ONSET OF RIOTS TO TAKE CONTROL OF SITUATION.

(CENTRAL SECURITY FORCE LAST USED IN FEBRAURY 1973 DURING  
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MASSIVE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS; IT WAS NOT USED DURING

JANUARY 1 RIOTS.)

3. ALTHOUGH IT IS BECOMING ALMOST CONDITIONED REFLEX AMONG MODERATE AND RIGHTIST GOE OFFICIALS TO SEE HAND OF "LEFTIST ELEMENTS" BEHIND THIS TYPE OF INCIDENT, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT "COMMUNISTS" DID PLAY CONSIDERABLE ROLE IN MAHALLA RIOTING; CERTAINLY THIS IS PRIVATE GOE VIEW. MAHALLA WORKERS ARE GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE BETTER PAID AND BETTER HOUSED THAN OTHER INDUSTRIAL WORKERS. HOWEVER, DELTA TEXTILE COMPLEX, LARGEST IN EGYPT WITH 35,000 EMPLOYEES, MAKES TEMPTING TARGET FOR RIOT ORGANIZERS.

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